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State of Louisiana Department of State Civil Service
Louisiana Board of Ethics
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Dear Sirs,

I am writing this letter requesting an Advisory Opinion on whether it is permissible for me to conduct real estate appraisal services as outside employment in my off duty hours for the Red River Waterway Commission. I have been requested by the Red River Waterway Commission to apply to join their contract real estate appraiser panel in order to provide real estate appraisal services. The services to be provided will be real estate appraisal services on properties owned by the Red River Waterway Commission for disposal and management purposes.

I am presently a salaried employee with the Department of Transportation and Development where I serve as a Review Appraiser in the Real Estate/Appraisal Section. I am requesting this Advisory Opinion in order to prevent any interpretation of a potential conflict of interest in my performing outside employment real estate appraisal services to the Red River Waterway Commission in my off duty hours. The Red River Waterway Commission represents the seven parish Red River Waterway District that encompasses Caddo, Bossier, Red River, Natchitoches, Grant, Rapides, and Avoyelles parishes. The Commission owns and manages approximately 30,000 acres most of which were acquired for construction projects by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The appraisal services that will be needed by the Red River Waterway Commission will be utilized for real estate disposal and management purposes and will not involve any affiliation with the Department of Transportation and Development. Although two of the Red River Waterway Commission officer positions (Chair Person and Acting Chair Person) are held by Department of Transportation and Development employees who are appointed to the board, there is no involvement of the Department of Transportation and Development Real Estate/Appraisal Section with the Red River Waterway Commission. The Department of Transportation and Development Real Estate/Appraisal Section provides no real estate or appraisal services to the Red River Waterway Commission, and I have no direct involvement with the Red River Waterway Commission in my present position of Review Appraiser with the Department of Transportation and Development. I am also fully aware that all outside employment activities must be conducted outside of normal duty hours from my position with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

I sincerely ask for an Advisory Opinion on this outside employment issue. Should you have any questions please give me a call.


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